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REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 11-12 are rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 7,135,952. A Terminal Disclaimer signed by a registered attorney of record is enclosed with this response. Favorable consideration and allowance of Claims 1-7, 11-12 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 8-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pleskach et al.(6,990,729) in view of Krone et al. (7,148,500). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. The Pleskach et al. patent was filed September 5, 2003. Applicant's application claims priority to provisional application 60/411,801 filed September 9, 2002. The subject matter claimed in rejected claims is fully disclosed in this provisional application. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) cannot be based upon the later filed Pleskach et al. patent. The cited Krone et al. patent nowhere teaches or suggests applicant's claimed method. By way of specific example, there is nothing in Krone et al. that suggests or teaches a method in which a "via and the ferromagnetic material proximate thereto functions as a 1:1 turns ratio transformer."

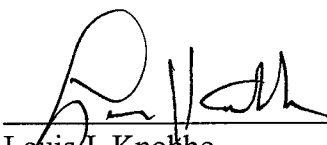
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If any questions remain, however, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorney so that any such matters may be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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